

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LIMA 05604 271247Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 HA-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05
H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02
SS-15 ICA-11 COME-00 EB-08 LAB-04 SIL-01 IO-13
MCT-01 /105 W
-----052707 280026Z /63
R 262237Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 639

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMA 5604

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, PE
SUBJECT: APRA, PPC AND FOCEP SPOKESMEN ON CONTACTO DIRECTO

REF: (A) LIMA 5151, (B) LIMA 5509, (C) LIMA 5574

1. AFTER A SUSPENSION OF FIVE MONTHS, THE POPULAR TV INTERVIEW PROGRAM CONTACTO DIRECTO REAPPEARED EVENING JUNE 25 (LIMA 0937). PROGRAM DIRECTOR ALFREDO BARNECHEA AFTER URING RETURN OF EXILED POLITICAL LEADERS, INTERVIEWED SPOKESMEN FOR THE LEADING THREE PARTIES APRA, PPC AND FOCEP. ENRIQUE FERNANDEZ OF FOCEP SPENT SEVERAL MINUTES DISASSOCIATING HIMSELF FROM FOCEP CANDIDATE HUGO BLANCO'S PROPOSALS TO NATIONALIZE MOST BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTRY, BUT WENT ON THE REPUDIATE PERUS FOREIGN DEBTS AND SUPPORT EXPROPRIATION WITHOUT COMPENSATION OF ALL FOREIGN OWNED ENTERPRISES IN THE NATION. ALTHOUGH FOCEP'S SPOKESMAN CLAIMED THAT HIS FRONT WAS DISPOSED TO COOPERATE WITH ALL THE PARTIES IN ACCORD WITH FOCEP'S POSITIONS, THE INTERVIEW DID LITTLE TO DISPEL DOUBTS ABOUTS FOCEP'S ABILITY TO REACH A CONSENSUS SOON EVEN AMONG ITS OWN LEADERS.

2. WHEN ASKED IF THE PPC MIGHT "LEGITIMIZE" THE CURRENT DE FACTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT, ROBERTO RAMIREZ DEL VILLAR EMPHASIZED THAT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LIMA 05604 271247Z

UNDER THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION THERE IS NO PROVISION PERMITTING THE NAMING OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. RAMIREZ, WHO STAYED CLOSE TO THE LINE EARLIER PRESENTED TO US BY PPC LEADER LUIS BEDOYA REYES, DID INDICATE THAT PPC MIGHT BE WILLING TO SUPPORT SOME GENRAL STATEMENTS ENDORSING CERTAIN REFORMS CARRIED OUT BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT (REF A).

3. ANDRES TOWNSEND OF APRA FLATLY REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS PARTY WOULD MOVE TO CONSTITUTIONALIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF MORALES BERMUDEZ. ASKED WITH WHAT GROUPS APRA MIGHT FORM ALLIANCES, TOWNSEND NOTED THAT IT WAS FIRST NECESSARY TO LEARN THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTION (APRA HAS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE TO THIS EFFECT). HE ADDED THAT THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DIFFERED FROM A PARLIAMENT AND THAT ALLIANCES WERE THEREFORE LESS ESSENTIAL. REITERATING WHAT HE HAD EARLIER TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS, TOWNSEND SUGGESTED THAT APRA MIGHT VOTE ON SOME ISSUES WITH PPC AND ON OTHERS WITH FOCEP. (REF B).

4. COMMENT: PROGRAM CONTAINED LITTLE NEW BUT ITS REAPPEARANCE ON TV WAS ANOTHER INDICATION OF GOP'S SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND A RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES (REF C).
SHLAUDEMANN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL LEADERS, PRESS CONFERENCES, TELEVISION BROADCASTING
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LIMA05604
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780266-1009
Format: TEL
From: LIMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780621/aaaaarua.tel
Line Count: 77
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: b91dee7f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 LIMA 5151, 78 LIMA 5509, 78 LIMA 5574
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2211821
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: APRA, PPC AND FOCEP SPOKESMEN ON CONTACTO DIRECTO
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, SOPN, PE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/b91dee7f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014